

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: AQUILA, INC., d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS	DOCKET NO. RFU-03-1 (RPU-02-5)
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ORDER APPROVING REFUND PLAN

(Issued April 18, 2003)

On February 18, 2003, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order in Docket No. RPU-02-5 approving a settlement for permanent rates for natural gas service for Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila). The settlement resulted in a reduction in rates. In the February 18, 2003, order, the Board directed Aquila to file a refund plan for Board approval. Aquila filed the refund plan on March 20, 2003, which was identified as Docket No. RFU-03-1.

In the refund plan, Aquila calculates the difference between the final rates approved in the settlement and temporary rates approved by the Board on September 1, 2002. Aquila proposes to begin the refund with bills rendered on and after May 1, 2003. The principal refund amount is \$868,498 and interest on that amount is \$26,851. The average residential customer will receive a refund of approximately \$5.62 as either a bill credit or by check.

The Board finds the refund plan complies with the Board's February 18, 2003, order and the Board's rules and is reasonable. The Board will approve the refund plan and the refund will be distributed in the May billing cycle.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The refund plan filed by Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, on March 20, 2003, in Docket No. RFU-03-1, is approved.
2. Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, shall file a refund report within 30 days of the completion of the refund.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of April, 2003.